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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHANGE OF DRV POLICY ON EMIGRATION OF RELATIVES
OF FOREIGN CITIZENS

1. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND HER SISTER, A US PERMANENT RESIDENT, WHOSE FAMILY SEEKS TO EMIGRATE FROM VIETNAM, HAVE ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO A LETTER THEY RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM THEIR FATHER. THE PERTINENT PASSAGE IS OBSCURE--PERHAPS DELIBERATELY SO--BUT THEY UNDERSTAND IT TO MEAN THAT THEIR FATHER HAS RECEIVED SOME SORT OF ASSURANCE THAT, IF THEY CAN ARM HIM WITH EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE NOW AMERICAN, THEIR FAMILY MAY BE PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE.

2. THE TWO WOMEN MRS PHUONG ATKINS AND HER SISTER TU, ARE US MILITARY DEPENDENTS. THEY SAY THEY HAVE BEEN IN FAIRLY REGULAR CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILY BY MAIL DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE FAMILY LIVES IN GIA DINH CITY, JUST OUTSIDE SAIGON. ON MAY 12 THE TWO WOMEN RECEIVED A LETTER POSTED THREE WEEKS EARLIER IN SAIGON, IN WHICH THEIR FATHER WROTE IN VIETNAMESE: "HAVE YOUR HUSBAND (MR. ATKINS) GO TO THE OFFICE TO OBTAIN PAPERS; SEND THEM TO ME SO THAT I MAY APPLY TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HERE FOR PERMISSION TO GO" (I.E. EMIGRATE). ON MAY 14 AND 15 THEY RECEIVED TWO MORE LETTERS WITH THE SAME MESSAGE, BUT THIS TIME THEIR FATHER CLEARLY SPECIFIED, THE

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EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS, THAT THE "OFFICE" IN QUESTION IS THE

US EMBASSY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY
INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT INDICATE DRV READINESS TO ALLOW
EMIGRATION OF VIETNAMESE IN CERTAIN CASES? DOES
DEPARTMENT PERCEIVE OBJECTION TO ISSUING MRS. ATKINS,
UPON HER PRESENTATION OF HER PASSPORT AND NATURALIZATION
CERTIFICATE, A LETTER ATTESTING TO THE FACT OF HER CITIZENSHIP?
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